

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A profit sharing system for an agency service, comprising:

a storage module storing amounts of share target money,
5 which should be shared to a plurality of providers, of profits obtained by operating for a predetermined period an agency service for providing users with a plurality of services provided from a plurality of providers; and

a calculation module calculating an amount of shared money
10 allocated to each service from within the amount of share target money stored in the storage module on the basis of a frequency of providing each service during the predetermined period.

2. A profit sharing system according to claim 1, wherein
15 said calculation module includes:

a providing count storage module storing a providing count of each service during the predetermined period; and

a shared money calculation module calculating a frequency of providing each service by dividing a counted providing count
20 of each service by a total sum of the service providing counts and calculating the amount of shared money allocated to each service by multiplying each of the calculated frequencies by the amount of share target money.

25 3. A profit sharing system according to claim 1, wherein the profits are a total of agency service usage fees during the predetermined period that are collected from the users on the

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basis of one single contract.

4. A profit sharing system according to claim 1, wherein
the amount of share target money is an amount obtained by
5 subtracting an operating cost for the agency service from the
profits.

5. A profit sharing system according to claim 1, further
comprising a request module requesting a financial institution
10 to pay the shared money to each provider.

6. A profit sharing system according to claim 2, further
comprising:

a database stored with a plurality of contents provided
15 by the plurality of providers; and
a content providing module obtaining a content
corresponding to a request of the user as the service from said
database and providing the user with this content, and storing
a providing count of each content in said providing count storage
20 module.

7. A profit sharing system according to claim 6, wherein
the content is a dictionary content, and

said content providing module provides the user with a
25 list of dictionary contents corresponding to a search key
received from the user, and provides the user with the dictionary
content selected from this list by the user.

8. A profit sharing method for an agency service, comprising:

storing amounts of share target money, which should be
5 shared to a plurality of providers, of profits obtained by
operating for a predetermined period an agency service for
providing users with a plurality of services provided from a
plurality of providers; and

10 calculating an amount of shared money allocated to each
service from within the stored amount of share target money on
the basis of a frequency of providing each service during the
predetermined period.

15 9. A profit sharing method according to claim 8, wherein
said calculating the amount of shared money includes:

storing a providing count of each service during the
predetermined period; and

20 calculating a frequency of providing each service by
dividing a counted providing count of each service by a total
sum of the service providing counts and calculating the amount
of shared money allocated to each service by multiplying each
of the calculated frequencies by the amount of share target money.

25 10. A profit sharing method according to claim 8, wherein
the profits are a total of agency service usage fees during the
predetermined period that are collected from the users on the
basis of one single contract.

11. A profit sharing method according to claim 8, wherein
the amount of share target money is an amount obtained by
subtracting an operating cost for the agency service from the
5 profits.

12. A profit sharing method according to claim 8, further
comprising requesting a financial institution to pay the shared
money to each provider.

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13. A profit sharing method according to claim 2, further
comprising obtaining a content corresponding to a request of
the user as the service from a database stored with a plurality
of contents provided by the plurality of providers, and providing
15 the user with this content and storing a providing count of each
content.

14. A profit sharing method according to claim 13, wherein
the content is a dictionary content, and

20 said providing the user with the content includes:
providing the user with a list of dictionary contents
corresponding to a search key received from the user, and
providing the user with the dictionary content selected from
this list by the user.

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15. A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly
embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer

to perform method steps, the method steps comprising:

a step of storing amounts of share target money, which should be shared to a plurality of providers, of profits obtained by operating for a predetermined period an agency service for providing users with a plurality of services provided from a plurality of providers; and

5 a step of calculating an amount of shared money allocated to each service from within the stored amount of share target money on the basis of a frequency of providing each service during 10 the predetermined period.

16. A storage medium according to claim 15, wherein said step of calculating the amount of shared money includes:

a step of storing a providing count of each service during 15 the predetermined period; and

a step of calculating a frequency of providing each service by dividing a counted providing count of each service by a total sum of the service providing counts and calculating the amount of shared money allocated to each service by multiplying each 20 of the calculated frequencies by the amount of share targetmoney.

17. A storage medium according to claim 15, wherein the profits are a total of agency service usage fees during the predetermined period that are collected from the users on the 25 basis of one single contract.

18. A storage medium according to claim 15, wherein the

amount of share target money is an amount obtained by subtracting an operating cost for the agency service from the profits.

19. A storage medium according to claim 15, said program
5 further comprising a step of requesting a financial institution
to pay the shared money to each provider.

20. A storage medium according to claim 16, said program
further comprising a step of obtaining a content corresponding
10 to a request of the user as the service from a database stored
with a plurality of contents provided by the plurality of
providers, and a step of providing the user with this content
and storing a providing count of each content.

15 21. A storage medium according to claim 20, wherein the
content is a dictionary content, and
said content providing step includes:
a step of providing the user with a list of dictionary
contents corresponding to a search key received from the user,
20 and providing the user with the dictionary content selected from
this list by the user.

22. A profit sharing system according to claim 6, wherein
said content providing module provides a setting screen for the
25 user to set a priority of the plurality of dictionary contents.

23. A profit sharing method according to claim 13, wherein

said content providing step includes a step of providing a setting screen for the user to set a priority of the plurality of dictionary contents.

5 24. A storage medium according to claim 20, wherein said content providing step includes a step of providing a setting screen for the user to set a priority of the plurality of dictionary contents.

10 25. A profit sharing system for an agency service, comprising:

 a providing module providing an agency service for providing a user with a requested service among services provided by a plurality of providers; and

15 a calculation module calculating an amount of shared money, shared to each provider, of profits obtained by providing the agency service on the basis of a frequency of providing the user with the service.

20 26. A profit sharing method in an information processing system, for an agency service, including a storage module and a control unit, said method comprising:

 making said control unit provide the agency service for providing a user with a requested service among services provided 25 from a plurality of providers;

 storing said storage module with a providing count of providing the service to the user; and

calculating an amount of shared money, shared to each provider, of profits obtained by the agency service on the basis of a providing frequency of each service that is obtained from the providing count of each service and a total sum of service
5 providing counts.

27. A storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer to perform method steps, the method steps comprising:

10 a step of providing the agency service for providing a user with a requested service among services provided from a plurality of providers;

a step of storing said storage module with a providing count of providing the service to the user; and

15 a step of calculating an amount of shared money, shared to each provider, of profits obtained by the agency service on the basis of a providing frequency of each service that is obtained from the providing count of each service and a total sum of service providing counts.